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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

The amount of scattering at a surface increases as the roughness of the surface increases. The sidewalls of a waveguide are often formed by etching an optical component according to the Bosch process. The Bosch process employs alternating application of a passivant and an etchant. The alternating steps of the Bosch process result in sidewalls with an undesirably high level of roughness. For instance, the Bosch method typically provides a roughness of about 220 nm.